

regular basis and dispose of any removed substances in accordance with local, State and Federal regulations.

(g) Maintain a ballast water management (BWM) plan that has been developed specifically for the vessel and that will allow those responsible for the plan's implementation to understand and follow the vessel's BWM strategy and comply with the requirements of this subpart. The plan must include—

- (1) Detailed safety procedures;
 - (2) Actions for implementing the mandatory BWM requirements and practices;
 - (3) Detailed fouling maintenance and sediment removal procedures;
 - (4) Procedures for coordinating the shipboard BWM strategy with Coast Guard authorities;
 - (5) Identification of the designated officer(s) in charge of ensuring that the plan is properly implemented;
 - (6) Detailed reporting requirements and procedures for ports and places in the United States where the vessel may visit; and
 - (7) A translation of the plan into English, French, or Spanish if the vessel's working language is another language.
- (h) Train the master, operator, person in charge, and crew on the application of ballast water and sediment management and treatment procedures.
- (i) When discharging ballast water to a reception facility in the United States, discharge only to reception facilities that have an NPDES permit to discharge ballast water.

§ 151.2055 Deviation from planned voyage.

As long as ballast water exchange (BWE) is an allowable ballast water management option under §§151.2025 and 151.2035 of this subpart, the Coast Guard will not require a vessel to deviate from its voyage or delay the voyage in order to conduct BWE. A vessel may be required to deviate from its voyage or delay the voyage if BWE is directed by a Captain of the Port pursuant to §151.2040(b) of this subpart.

§ 151.2060 Reporting requirements.

(a) Ballast water reporting requirements exist for each vessel subject to this subpart bound for ports or places of the United States regardless of whether a vessel operated outside of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), unless exempted in §151.2015 of this subpart.

(b) The master, owner, operator, agent, or person in charge of a vessel subject to this subpart and this section must provide the information required by §151.2070 of this subpart in electronic or written form to the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard or the appropriate Captain of the Port (COTP). The Ballast Water Reporting Form (Office of Management and Budget form Control No. 1625-0069) and the instructions for completing it are available on the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse's Web site at <http://invasions.si.edu/nbic/submit.html>. Information must be submitted as follows:

(1) *For any vessel bound for the Great Lakes from outside the EEZ:*

(i) Fax the required information at least 24 hours before the vessel arrives in Montreal, Quebec to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) COTP, Buffalo, Massena Detachment (315-769-5032).

(ii) Non-U.S. and non-Canadian flag vessels may complete the ballast water information section of the form required by the St. Lawrence Seaway, "Pre-entry Information from Foreign Flagged Vessels Form," and submit it in accordance with the applicable Seaway notice as an alternative to this requirement.

(2) *For any vessel bound for the Hudson River north of the George Washington Bridge entering from outside the EEZ:* Fax the required information to the USCG COTP, New York (718-354-4249) at least 24 hours before the vessel enters New York, NY.

(3) *For any vessel that is equipped with ballast water tanks and bound for ports or places in the United States and not addressed in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this section:* If a vessel's voyage is less than 24 hours, report the required information before departing the port or place of departure. If a voyage exceeds 24 hours, report the required information at least 24 hours before arrival at

the port or place of destination. The information must be sent to the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse using only one of the following means:

- (i) Via the Internet at <http://invasions.si.edu/nbic/submit.html>.
- (ii) Email to NBIC@BallastReport.org.
- (iii) Fax to 301-261-4319.
- (iv) Mail to U.S. Coast Guard, c/o Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, P.O. Box 28, Edgewater, MD 21037-0028.

(c) If the information submitted in accordance with this section changes, the master, owner, operator, agent, or person in charge of the vessel must submit an amended report before the vessel departs the waters of the United States.

§ 151.2065 Equivalent reporting methods for vessels other than those entering the Great Lakes or Hudson River after operating outside the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone or Canadian equivalent.

For vessels required to report under § 151.2060(b)(3) of this subpart, the Chief, Environmental Standards Division (CG-5224), acting for the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security, and Stewardship (CG-5), may, upon receipt of a written request, consider and approve alternative methods of reporting if—

- (a) Such methods are at least as effective as those required by § 151.2060 of this subpart; and
- (b) Compliance with § 151.2060 of this subpart is economically or physically impractical. The Chief, Environmental Standards Division (CG-5224), will approve or disapprove a request submitted in accordance with this section within 30 days of receipt of the request.

§ 151.2070 Recordkeeping requirements.

(a) The master, owner, operator, agent, or person in charge of a vessel bound for a port or place in the United States, unless specifically exempted by § 151.2015 of this subpart, must ensure the maintenance of written records that include the following information:

(1) *Vessel information.* This includes the name, International Maritime Organization (IMO) number (official number if IMO number is not issued), vessel

type, owner or operator, gross tonnage, call sign, and State of registry (flag).

(2) *Voyage information.* This includes the date and port of arrival, vessel agent, last port and country of call, and next port and country of call.

(3) *Total ballast water information.* This includes the total ballast water capacity, total volume of ballast water onboard, total number of ballast water tanks, and total number of ballast water tanks in ballast. Use units of measurements such as metric tons (MT), cubic meters (m³), long tons (LT), and short tons (ST).

(4) *Ballast water management (BWM).* This includes the total number of ballast tanks/holds that are to be discharged into the waters of the United States or to a reception facility.

(i) If the vessel uses an alternative BWM method, note the number of tanks that are managed using an alternative method, as well as the type of method used.

(ii) Indicate whether the vessel has a BWM plan and IMO ballast water management guidelines onboard, and whether the BWM plan is used.

(5) *Information on ballast water tanks that are to be discharged into the waters of the United States or to a reception facility.* Include the following:

(i) The origin of ballast water. This includes date(s), location(s), volume(s) and temperature(s). If a tank has undergone ballast water exchange (BWE), list the loading port of the ballast water that was discharged during the exchange.

(ii) The date(s), location(s), volume(s), method, thoroughness (percentage exchanged, if BWE conducted), and sea height at time of exchange of any ballast water exchanged or otherwise managed.

(iii) The expected date, location, volume, and salinity of any ballast water to be discharged into the waters of the United States or to a reception facility.

(6) *Discharge of sediment.* Include the name and location of the facility where sediment disposal will take place, if sediment is to be discharged within the jurisdiction of the United States.